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THE CHAIRMAN

June 30, 2014

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2335 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cleaver:

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The Honorable Doug Collins  
U.S. House of Representatives  
513 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
415 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1032 Longworth House Office Building  
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1711 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
206 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1208 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Jeff Duncan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1722 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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